

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

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Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Small Business Alliance

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P.O. Box 671

Wilmington, DE 19899 Phone: (302) 576-6578 Fax: (302) 654-0691

Web page: www.inet.net/dscc
Web site: www.dscc.com

The Delaware State Chamber's Small Business Alliance was created to enhance the competitiveness of the small business community by providing cost-effective services, information, legislative advocacy and money-saving benefits to companies with fewer than 150 employees. With 2,800 members statewide, the Alliance is the largest small business organization in Delaware.

Delaware Department of Finance Division of Revenue

Contact: Selena Gardner

Address: Carvel State Office Building

820 N. French Street, 9th Floor

Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone: (302) 577-8447 Fax: (302) 577-8203

E-mail: <u>sgardner@state.de.us</u>
Web site: www.state.de.us/revenue

The Division of Revenue is responsible for personal and business tax administration. Division representatives can discuss state tax matters as related to small business; tax treatments of different entities, including partnerships, corporations, sole proprietorships, and S corporations; and obtaining or renewing state business licenses and applicable gross receipts taxes.

Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control (DNREC)

89 Kings Highway Dover, DE 19901-7305

DNREC Business and Permitting Services Office

Contact: Andrea Kreiner Phone: (302) 739-6400 Fax: (302) 739-6242

E-mail: akreiner@dnrec.state.de.us

The Business and Permitting Services Office is comprised of the Development Advisory Service, Pollution Prevention (P2) Program, and the Small Business Assistance Program Ombudsman. The Business and Permitting Services Office operates within the Office of the Secretary at DNREC.

Delaware Pollution Prevention Program

Contact: Andrea Kreiner Phone: (302) 739-3822 Fax: (302) 739-6242

E-mail: akreiner@dnrec.state.de.us
Web Page: www.dnrec.state.de.us

Family and Workplace Connection

Contact: Sarah Sorden

Address: 3511 Silverside Road

100 Wilson Building Wilmington, DE 19810 Phone: (302) 479-1659 Fax: (302) 479-1693

E-mail: ssorden@tfwc.org

Web Page: www.familyandworkplace.org

The Family & Workplace Connection (FWC) is a private nonprofit dependent care resource and referral organization providing services that help people manage their work and personal lives. FWC provides information and programs for individuals with dependent care needs, employers, care providers, and the community-at-large. Employers, individual and foundation contributions, and government grants and contracts fund FWC.

First State Community Loan Fund

Contact: Caroline E.W. Glackin

Address: 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 1005

Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone: (302) 652-6774 Fax: (302) 656-1272

E-mail: fsclf@diamond.net.udel.edu
Web Page: www.firststateloan.org

Mission: The FSCLF is a not-for-profit Community Development Financial Institution. The FSCLF provides loans and education for business enterprises, affordable housing and other community development initiatives particularly for underserved populations throughout Delaware. Offices: Main office at 300 Delaware Avenue with satellite locations in Dover and Georgetown and at the Latin American Community Center in Wilmington.

New Castle County Chamber of Commerce

Contact: John McKay

Address: 630 Churchmans Road

P.O Box 11247

Wilmington, DE 19850-1247 Phone: (302) 368-5700 Ext. 235

Fax: (302) 737-8450

E-mail: mckayj@ncccc.com
Web Page: www.ncccc.com

The Small Business Department at the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce serves as a vital resource for the small and mid-sized business community. Through executive roundtables, networking breakfasts, Chamberworks seminars, business publications, and one-on-one counseling, the County Chamber keeps its members informed and helps them to grow their businesses -- and grow them successfully.



Score (Chapter 42)*

Contact: Tom Stevens

Address: 824 N. Market St., Suite 610

Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone:(302) 573-6552 Fax: (302) 573-6092

Web Page: www.scoredelaware.com

SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, is a resource partner of the **U.S. Small Business Administration**. **SCORE** is manned by a staff of retired executives and former small business owners who volunteer their time and talents to assist Delaware area entrepreneurs in starting a business or expanding their business through low-cost one-on-one counseling and business development workshops.

USDA Rural Development

Contact: James E. Waters

Address: 5201 S. DuPont Highway

P.O. Box 400

Camden, DE 19934 Phone: (302) 697-4324 Fax: (302) 697-4388

E-mail: jawaters@rurdev.usda.gov Web Page: www.rurdev.usda.gov Rural Development has four programs for small businesses: (1) Business and Industry Guaranteed Program - provides for a guarantee of for-profit business/commercial loans that will create or save jobs in rural communities and counties; (2) business and industry Direct program - provides direct non-bank loans to improve, develop, or finance business, industry and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities; (3) Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program - provides grant funds to public bodies and private non-profit corporations for the purpose of financing and facilitating development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas, and (4) Intermediary Relending Program - provides loans to an intermediary for the purpose of financing business facilities and community development projects in rural areas.

Capital Works

Contact: Mary Kruger Dupont Address: 233 King Street Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone: (302) 658-7161 Fax: (302) 658-7547

E-mail: mdupont@inet.net

Web Page: www.microbusinesschamber.com

Working Capital Delaware is a statewide comprehensive business development program which offers small businesses the resources they need to grow — credit, business training, and networking activities. These services are provided to groups of business owners with 6 to 10 members called Business Loan Groups, which meet regularly to support each other as members work on building their own businesses. Working Capital is a replication of the largest micro loan program in the United States, operating in seven states. In January 1997, it received the first Presidential Award for Excellence in MicroE0nterprise Development from President Bill Clinton. Since 1991, throughout the network, 3,000 micro businesses have received over \$3 million in loans to build their businesses. In Delaware, Working Capital has served more than 400 businesses since 1995 with over 400 loans. This is a joint project of the YWCA of New Castle County and the First State Community Loan Fund.

Mid-Atlantic Business Finance Company

Contact: Paula Klepper

Address: 9 E. Loockerman Street, Suite 316

Dover, DE 19901

Phone: (302) 730-4250 Toll Free: (800) 730-0017 Fax: (302) 730-4252 **E-mail:** cathi@mabfc.com

E-mail: <u>cathi@mabfc.com</u>
Web Page: www.mabfc.com

Mid-Atlantic Business Finance Company provides below market fixed rate financing for healthy expanding businesses to purchase real estate and machinery and equipment. Since

1982, Mid-Atlantic has helped over 450 small businesses in the region finance their expansion and arranged over \$400 million in total financing.

Delaware Small Business Development Center

The DSBDC exists to strengthen Delaware's economic base by providing quality services, such as, management assistance, education programs, and resources to Delaware's business community and potential entrepreneurs. The Small Business Development Centers (DSBDC) will answer your questions about managing a small business and provide information about small business issues. The DSBDC provides information, training and free, one-on-one counseling for small business owners and those interested in starting a business. www.delawarecontracts.com/events.htm

Wilmington Center

Contact: Barbara Necarsulmer Address: 1318 N. Market Street

Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone: (302) 571-1555 Fax: (302) 571-5222 E-mail: necarb@udel.edu

Web site: www.delawaresbdc.org

Dover Center

Contact: Jim Crisfield

Address: 146 S. Governors Ave.

Dover, DE 19904 Phone: (302) 678-1555 Fax: (302) 739-2333

E-mail: jcris@strauss.udel.edu Web site: www.delawaresbdc.org

Georgetown Center

Contact: Bill Pfaff

Address: 103 W. Pine Street Georgetown, DE 19947 Phone: (302) 856-1555 Fax: (302) 854-6979

E-mail: wpfaff@udel.edu

Web site: www.delawaresbdc.org

Delaware Innovation Fund

Contact: David J. Freschman Address: 100 W. 10th Street Wilmington, DE 19801 Phone: (302) 777-1616

Fax: (302) 777-1620

E-mail: <u>info@delawareinnovationfund.com</u> *Web site:* www.delawareinnovationfund.com< a>

The Delaware Innovation Fund is a seed and early-stage venture capital firm established as a public/private sector initiative to assist Delaware companies in the critical pre-seed and early stages of formation. The Fund provides financial and technical assistance to Delaware-based businesses, which have the potential to launch innovative products and processes into national markets, to create new jobs, and to make a significant contribution to the economic diversity and the technology base of Delaware's communities.

Delaware Economic Development Office

Contact: Jennifer Powell Address: 99 Kings Highway

Dover, DE 19901 Phone: (302) 739-4271 Fax: (302) 739-5749

Web site: www.state.de.us/dedo

The office's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all Delawareans by facilitating the creation and retention of quality jobs. The office is divided into several units, which specialize in the following areas: Business Development, Workforce Development, Financial Sector Development and Programs, Business Research, and Tourism. Programs include:

- "A Better Chance," Governor Carper's welfare to work programs. DEDO helps businesses hire through this program. The Workforce Development Section assists employers with recruitment, develops and underwrites training programs, provides information regarding the labor market, community resources and wages, and is a partner in Delaware's Welfare Reform Effort, A Better Chance.
- Main Street Delaware, which assists with the revitalization.

Delaware Department of Insurance

Contact: Fred Townsend, III - Deputy Insurance Commissioner

Address: 841 Silver Lake Blvd.

Dover, DE 19904

Phone: (302) 739-4251 or (302) 674-7300

Fax: (302) 739-5280

E-mail: ftownsen@deins.state.de.us

The mission of the Department is to protect the welfare of insurance consumers and to ensure reliable insurance coverage at reasonable rates. Particular services offered to small businesses include providing information about the availability of health insurance, and about ways to reduce workers compensation insurance premiums. Legislation has been enacted to promote the availability of health insurance benefits to employees of small businesses (1-50). Under the Small Employer Health Insurance Reform Act, licensed small employer insurance carriers are required to offer two specified benefit packages to

all small employers, regardless of health status and claims experience, and to ensure renewability of coverage. Additionally, the Workplace Safety Program enables qualifying small employers to earn discounts on their workers compensation insurance premiums of up to 20 per cent.

Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, Inc.

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Wilmington, DE 19801 Toll Free: (877) 850-0750 Phone: (302) 654-5024 Fax: (302) 654-5046

E-mail: rashmi@bellatlantic.net

Web site: www.dcrac.org

The mission of the Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council (DCRAC) is to ensure equal access and capital for the under-served populations and communities throughout Delaware, including low- and moderate-income, minority, and distressed neighborhoods, through education, advocacy, and legislation. To accomplish this mission, it shall: (1) ensure that all Delawareans are aware of their rights and responsibilities under the Community Reinvestment Act and other fair lending laws and (2) ensure that Delaware lending institutions meet their communities' entire banking, credit, and capital needs.

Central Delaware Economic Development Council

Contact: Daniel Wolfensberger

Address: 9 Loockerman Street, Suite 2B

Dover, DE 19901

Phone:(302) 678-3028 Fax: (302) 678-0189 **E-mail:** wolfych@aol.com

Web site: www.conway.com/de/cdedc

The Central Delaware Economic Development Council assists small businesses with demographic and community information, reference materials, project assistance as well as referrals to other business organizations and businesses.

African-American Chamber of Commerce

AACC Membership Office

701 Market Street, Suite 6500 Philadelphia, PA 19106 Phone: (215) 351-5201

Fax: (215) 351-5209

E-mail us: info@aachamber.org

The African-American Chamber of Commerce of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, (AACC) is the leading private sector advocate for black-owned businesses in the Delaware Valley. The AACC is comprised of members that have an interest in the establishment and growth of black-owned businesses in the Delaware valley, with a goal of ensuring the overall improvement of economic conditions within the regional African-American community.

More Delaware Government Contacts

Additional Delaware State Government information is available at Web site www.delaware.gov. Phone contact information is available at Delaware Help line. This is a toll-free telephone information and referral service for state government and community service.

In-state (800) 464-4347

Out of State (800) 273-9500

Department of Administrative Services

Division of Purchasing (Information regarding selling to the state)

Governor Bacon Health Center

1 Wilmington Avenue

Delaware City, DE 19706

(302) 834-4550 - Delaware City

(302) 739-5587 - Dover

Web site: www.state.de.us/purchasing

Department of Agriculture

2320 South DuPont Highway

Dover, DE 19901

(800) 282-8685

www.state.de.us/deptagri/

Delaware Department of Justice

Attorney General's Office

www.state.de.us/attgen/index.htm

Libraries

www.lib.de.us

Public Health

www.state.de.us/dhss/dph/index.htm

Revenue

www.state.de.us/revenue

Sec. of State's Office

www.state.de.us/sos

Delaware Department Of Labor

www.delawareworks.com

Div. of Unemployment Insurance

Div. of Industrial Affairs

Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation

DE Commission for Women

Wilmington Economic Development Corporation

www.wedco.org

Division of Corporations

www.state.de.us/corp/index.htm

City of Wilmington

www.ci.wilmington.de.us

Non-Profits

Central DE Chamber of Commerce

www.cdcc.net

DE Manufacturing Extension Partnership

www.demep.org

State Links

A collection of links to United State government web sites with useful information for businesses. Whether you're already in business, just starting, or expanding to a new state - there's something here for you!

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Business Assistance Center

Contact: Richard S. Daly

Address: 1650 Arch St. (30R00)

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 814-5535 or (800) 228-8711

Fax: (215) 814-2783

E-mail: daly.richard@epa.gov

Web page: www.epa.gov/region03/sbac

The Business Assistance Center of the EPA assists small and medium-sized businesses to understand and be responsive to environmental requirements in order to protect the environment and help those companies sustain economic development. The Business Assistance Center has four main tasks: (1) Provide businesses with information on applicable environmental requirements; (2) Be an advocate for the concerns of small businesses; (3) Work with other units within the region and EPA Headquarters, as well as state environmental agencies, to facilitate pollution prevention and EPA partnership programs in the small business community; and (4) Assist small companies which have innovative environmental technologies by providing links to appropriate federal facilities and by assisting them with marketing.

U. S. Dept. of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency

Vision Statement: The Minority Business Development Agency is dedicated to becoming an entrepreneurially focused and innovative organization, committed to empowering minority business enterprises for the purpose of wealth creation.

Mission Statement: MBDA's mission is to achieve entrepreneurial parity for MBEs by actively promoting their ability to grow and compete in the global economy. MBDA is addressing challenges faced by MBEs by developing programs that provide the "keys to entrepreneurial success" and by providing access to financing, marketplace, education, and technology.

Philadelphia Regional Enterprise Center: Alfonso Jackson, Bus. Dev. Specialist

600 Arch Street Suite 10128 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone (215) 861-3597 **Fax** (215) 861-3595

Business.gov / www.business.gov

Business.gov guides you through the maze of government rules and regulations and provides access to services and resources to help you start, grow, and succeed in business. The Forms Catalog provides businesses with a common access point to federal agency forms. The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 requires the Office of Management and Budget to publish on the Internet a list of the compliance assistance resources available at federal agencies for small businesses. Federal government agencies offer compliance assistance resources and tools for small businesses.

FirstGov / www.firstgov.gov

FirstGov.gov is an easy-to-search, free-access website designed to give you a centralized place to find information from U.S. local, state and federal government agency websites. On FirstGov, you can search millions of web pages from federal and state governments, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. Most of these pages are not available on commercial websites. FirstGov has the most comprehensive search of government anywhere on the Internet.

U.S. Census Bureau / www.census.gov

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. State Data Centers - provide training and technical assistance in accessing and using Census Bureau data for state, regional, local and tribal governments, and non-governmental data users, at no charge or a small fee.

U.S. Census Bureau Philadelphia Regional Office 833 Chestnut Street, Suite 504 Philadelphia, PA. 19107 (215) 717-1800 or (800) 262-4236 FAX: (215) 717-0755 TDD: (215) 717-0894

E-mail: <u>Philadelphia.Regional.Office@census.gov</u>

<u>Department of Commerce</u> / www.commerce.gov

The Commerce Department's mission is to create the conditions for economic growth and opportunity by promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, competitiveness, and stewardship.

<u>Department of Agriculture - Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business</u> <u>Utilization (OSDBU) / www.usda.gov/osdbu</u>

The mission of the OSDBU is to provide maximum opportunities for small businesses to participate in USDA contracting activities by establishing and attaining small disadvantaged business program goals.

U.S. Tax Court

Congress created the Tax Court to provide a judicial forum in which affected persons could dispute tax deficiencies determined by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue prior to payment of the disputed amounts.

Office of the Clerk of the Court: (202) 521-0700 (general procedure and case information)

<u> More Helpful Federal Government Web sites</u>

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Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

Department of Commerce / Export Assistance Center

www.ita.doc.gov

U.S Customs Service

www.customs.gov

Environmental Protection Agency/Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Program

www.epa.gov/osdbu

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

www.fdic.gov

Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov

Global Trade & Technology Network

www.usgtn.org

Housing and Urban Development

www.hud.gov

Internal Revenue Service

www.irs.gov

Dept. of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration

http://www.osha.gov/

Small Business Administration/Export Asst. Center

www.sba.gov/oit

Small Business Administration/Women's Business Ownership

www.sba.gov/womeninbusiness

Small Business Administration/Women's Business Center

www.onlinewbc.gov

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov

www.vetbiz.gov

Office of Occupational & Labor Market Information

YWCA's MicroBusiness Enterprise Center

www.microbusinesschamber.com

DC Minority Business Development Center

www.dcmbdc.org

ProBiz

www.probiz.tv

SOME FINANCING WEB SITES

Find out more about business financing--and perhaps even get venture capital or an angel investor--at these key sites:

Garage Technology Ventures

www.garage.com

Early Bird Capital Firm

www.earlybirdcapital.com

Price Waterhouse Cooper's Moneytree

www.pwcmoneytree.com

Bankrate.com

www.bankrate.com

Primestreet

www.primestreet.com

Dun & Bradstreet

www.livecapital.com